## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

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Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

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Debtor.

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

Re: ECF No. 14995

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 4780-LTS

Re: ECF No. 2281

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To The Honorable United States District Court Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board"), for itself and as representative of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA" or the "Debtor") in this Title III case pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight*, *Management and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"), respectfully submits this urgent motion for an order extending the briefing schedule related to the *Motion of Whitefish Energy Holdings*, *LLC for Allowance of Administrative Expense Claim* [ECF No. 14995 in Case No. 17-3283 and ECF No. 2281 in Case No. 17-4780] (the "Motion") and established by the *Order Granting Urgent Consensual Motion for Seventh Extension of Deadlines Regarding Motion of Whitefish Energy Holdings*, *LLC for Allowance of Administrative Expense Claim* [ECF No. 16771 in Case No. 17-3283 and ECF No. 2489 in Case No. 17-4780] (the "Scheduling Order"), and represents as follows:

#### **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

- On October 30, 2020, Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC (the "Movant"), filed the Motion, seeking payment of certain asserted administrative expenses, as described further in the Motion.
- 2. On November 2, 2020, the court entered an initial schedule on the Motion, which was later modified including most recently by the Scheduling Order, dated May 18, 2021, which established a deadline of June 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (AST) for the filing of any opposition papers (the "Objection Deadline") and a deadline of June 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (AST) for the filing of the Movant's reply papers (the "Reply Deadline"), with the Motion to be taken under submission without a hearing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PROMESA is codified at 48 U.S.C §§ 2101-2241.

- 3. The Parties are continuing to engage in discussions to resolve the Motion consensually. Additionally, PREPA has received a preliminary cost analysis from FEMA that should help inform the Parties as to the amount of FEMA reimbursement PREPA can expect, and thus help inform settlement discussions. Accordingly, with the Movant's consent, the Debtor respectfully requests that the Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Proposed Order"), allowing a short term extension of the Objection Deadline and Reply Deadline to **July 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** (**prevailing Atlantic Time**), and **July 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** (**prevailing Atlantic Time**), respectively.
- 4. The Debtor has discussed this request with counsel for the Movant, who has consented to the relief requested herein.
- 5. Pursuant to Paragraph 1.H of the Fourteenth Amended Notice, Case Management and Administrative Procedures [ECF No. 15894-1] (the "Case Management Procedures"), the Debtor hereby certifies that it has carefully examined the matter and concluded that there is a true need for an urgent motion; it has not created the urgency through any lack of due diligence; has made a bona fide effort to resolve the matter; has made reasonable, good-faith communications in an effort to resolve or narrow the issues that are being brought to the Court, and no party opposes the relief requested herein.

#### **NOTICE**

6. The Debtor has provided notice of this motion in accordance with the Case Management Procedures to the following parties: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico; (b) the indenture trustees and/or agents, as applicable, for PREPA's bonds; (c) the administrative agent(s) for lenders under that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of May 4, 2012, among PREPA, Scotiabank de Puerto Rico, and the lenders party thereto, as

amended, and that certain Trade Finance Facility Agreement, dated as July 20, 2012; (d) the

statutory unsecured claimholders' committee appointed in this Title III Case; (e) the Office of the

United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico; (f) counsel to AAFAF; and (g) the Puerto

Rico Department of Justice; (h) all parties filing a notice of appearance in this Title III case; and

(i) the Movant. A copy of the motion is also available on the Debtor's case website at

https://cases.primeclerk.com/puertorico/.

7. The Debtor submits that, in light of the nature of the relief requested herein, no

other or further notice need be given.

WHEREFORE the Debtor requests the Court enter the Proposed Order and grant such

other relief as is deemed just and proper.

Dated: June 17, 2021

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on this same date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notifications of such filing to all CM/ECF participants in this case.

/s/ Hermann D. Bauer Hermann D. Bauer

# EXHIBIT A

**Proposed Order** 

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Upon the *Urgent Consensual Motion for Eighth Extension of Deadlines Regarding Motion of Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC for Allowance of Administrative Expense Claim* (Docket Entry No. \_\_\_\_ in Case No. 17-4780, the "<u>Urgent Motion</u>");<sup>2</sup> and the Court having found it has subject-matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to PROMESA section 306(a); and it appearing that venue in this district is proper pursuant to PROMESA section 307(a); and the Court having found that the Debtor provided adequate and appropriate notice of the Urgent Motion under the circumstances and that no other or further notice is required; and upon the record herein, after due deliberation thereon, the Court having found that good and sufficient cause exists for the granting of the relief as set forth herein:

- 1. The Urgent Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.
- 2. The Scheduling Order shall be modified as provided herein.
- 3. The following briefing schedule is set for filing responsive pleadings to the Motion:
  - The deadline for parties to file an opposition to the Motion shall be **July 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (AST).**
  - The deadline for the Movant to file a reply to all oppositions and responses shall be **July 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (AST)**.
  - 4. The Court will thereafter take the Motion on submission.
- 5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.

Dated:, 2021	SO ORDERED:
	HONORABLE LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN United States District Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Urgent Motion.